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Response to Reply Brief

1. Applicants' reply brief/remarks filed on June 07, 2004 is noted. Applicants' arguments have been carefully reconsidered, but they were not found persuasive for the same reasons as set forth in the Examiner's Answer.

Furthermore, it is considered the Examiner did not mistakenly randomly selected bits and pieces from different portions of the same reference as parts list to recreate the present claimed invention as argued by Applicants. The combination of the metals selected from the 10th group and 11th group metals, and the promoters disclosed by Frenzel is considered a small list of elements and it falls within the list of 14 combinations of Applicants'. Thus, the claims are met by the reference.

With respect to Applicants' argument (3), the Examiner does not understand why claim 8 should be withdrawn? Same thing with claim 12? There was an obviousness rejection made to claim 8 presented in the Final rejection and it was also addressed in the Examiner's Answer.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Cam Nguyen, whose telephone number is (571) 272-1357. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 9:30 am. to 6:00 pm.

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